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Application Number	10/035,707
Filing Date	December 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hays, et al.
Art Unit	2163
Examiner Name	Cheryl M. Fernandes
Attorney Docket Number	MET580/4-001US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Submission for Request for Continued Examination

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0365. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- a. ☒ The following fees are required:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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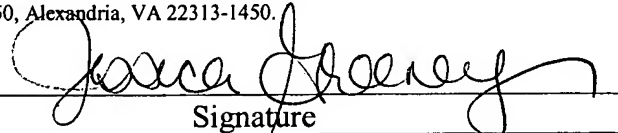
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/035,707
Title: *"Methods and Apparatus for Improved Security Services"*
Attorney Reference: MET580/4-001US

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 page)
3. Submission for Request for Continued Examination (18 pages)
4. Fee Transmittal 2005 (1 page)

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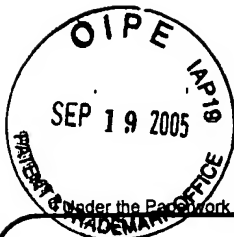
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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

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Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Printed name	Steve R. Borgman		
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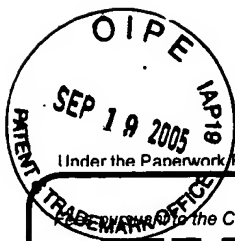
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Typed or printed name	Jessica Greeney	Date	09/19/2005

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 910.00

Complete if Known

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Fees Paid (\$)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination and One Month Extension Fees

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SUBMITTED BY

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Name (Print/Type)	Steven R. Borgman		Date 09/19/2005

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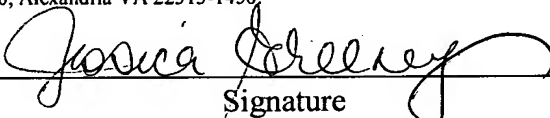
Filed: December 26, 2001

Confirmation No.: 4190

Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
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Art Unit: 2163

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following in response to the Advisory Action dated August 8, 2005, for which the three-month date for response to the Final Rejection was August 17, 2005. A one-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested. This Submission is being filed within the one-month extension after the three-month time to respond to the Final Office Action (as September 19, 2005 is the first business day after September 17, 2005), which included final rejections of the pending claims.

This Submission is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants request continued examination pursuant to Section 1.114. Please charge the \$720 fee set forth in Section 1.17(e), and the one-month extension fee of \$120, and any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 22-0365. Please consider this a petition for such extension of time.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.